

Amplification of Flow Sort DNA using DOP-PCR (SKY)

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Reagents

Agarose, Ultrapure

Gibco, BRL, Cat. no. 15510-027

5X Buffer D, (contains MgCl₂)

Invitrogen, Cat. K1220-02D

Template DNA

Ethidium Bromide

Research Genetics, Cat. 750007

5X Loading buffer

Quality Biological, Cat. 51-026-030

10 mM dNTP nucleotide mix

Invitrogen, comes with buffer D above

Primer "UN1"

Midland Certified Reagent Co. Telenius 6MW
[5'-CCGACTCGAGNNNNNNATGTGG-3']

Super Taq polymerase 15U/μl

CPG, Part No. STAQ050H-500U

TAE buffer, 10AX

Advanced Biotechnologies, Cat. 08-514-001

Water, sterile (H₂O)

Molecular grade sterile distilled water

Materials and Equipment

PCR Thermocycler

MJ – Research, Inc. Model PTC - 100

Gel system and power source

PCR tubes

PGC Scientifics, Cat. 502-075

Preparation

1X TAE buffer

Dilute the 10X TAE into dH₂O

1% agarose gel

Dissolve 1g of agarose into 100ml of 1X TAE buffer by warming the solution.

Sterile Techniques

Sterile techniques are extremely crucial since you will be re-amplifying the product from this reaction and any contaminants will also be amplified.

1. Autoclave molecular grade water using liquid cycle program.
2. Autoclave all tubes using dry cycle program with slow drying time to prevent condensation.
3. Thoroughly wipe down UV hood with 70% ethanol including walls, ceiling, and work area.
4. UV expose all equipment used including the hood, pipets, pipet tips, tube racks, microcentrifuge tubes, autoclaved water, waste container, etc... for at least 20 minutes.
5. Use sterile gloves.

Flow Sorted Chromosomes

Flow sorted chromosomes should be kept tightly wrapped and sealed at 4⁰C until they are ready to be used. Be aware that each 50 µl reaction will be carried out in the original tube that is sent carrying the flow sorted chromosomes.

Procedure

1. Vortex each tube well in order to detach chromosomes from the inner walls. Spin them at 13,000rpm for at least 3 min.
2. Combine the following for each reaction (make sure to change tips every time):

Buffer D	10 µl
dNTP	4 µl
primer	1.5 µl
dd H ₂ O	2.0 µl
Super Taq	0.25 µl

(Note: Do not mix up and down with pipet.)

3. Vortex each tube lightly and spin at 13,000 rpm for 30 sec.
4. IMMEDIATELY transfer to PCR machine.
5. Run the PCR program as described (Note 1 and 2).
6. When the program is completed run a 2 μ l aliquot (dissolved in place 0.8 μ l of 5X DNA loading buffer) from each reaction on a 1% agarose gel to initially determine the efficiency of the amplification reaction. The resulting smear migrates to around 500 bp (Note 3).

Notes

1. PCR program:

Step	Temperature (° C)	Minutes
1 (initial denaturation).	93	10
2	94	1
3	30	1.5
4	ramp 30-70	3
5	72	3
6 repeat steps 2-5, 4 times		
7	94	1
8	62	1
9	72	3 + 1 second/cycle
10 repeat steps 7-9, 34 times		
11	72	10
	4	∞

2. After running the PCR program it is time to take out the samples and evaluate the quality of your amplification. Make sure that you still maintain sterile techniques with this amplified product. You will be using this product as starting material later for secondary amplification or for a labeling PCR. Therefore do not touch the tubes without gloves and only open tubes in the hood to decrease chances of contamination.

3. 1% agarose gel

